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STATEMENT, OCTOBER 30, 1973

1. THE FOLLOWING IS TRANSLATION PROVIDED BY THE ROMANIAN DELEGA-
TION OF OPENING STATEMENT MADE BY ROMANIAN REP (DIMITRU ANINOIU)
AT THE MBFR OPENING PLENARY SESSION ON THE AFTERNOON OF OCT. 30,
1973. BEGIN TEXT:

MR. CHAIRMAN, DISTINGUISHED REPRESENTATIVES,
THE DELEGATION OF THE SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF ROMANIA TAKES THE
OPPORTUNITY OFFERED BY THIS FIRST PLENARY MEETING WITHIN THE FRAME-
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WORK OF THE NEGOTIATIONS ON MUTUAL REDUCTION OF FORCES AND ARMA-

MENTS AND ASSOCIATED MEASURES IN CENTRAL EUROPE TO WARMLY WELCOME ALL THE OTHER DELEGATIONS AND TO ASSURE THEM OF ITS DESIRE TO CO-OPERATE WIDELY WITH THEM AND OF ITS DETERMINATION TO MAKE ITS ENTIRE CONTRIBUTION TO THE SUCCESSFUL OUTCOME OF THE NEGOTIATIONS WHICH WE ARE STARTING TODAY. WE TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY ALSO TO EXPRESS, TO THE AUSTRIAN GOVERNMENT, OUR THANKS AND GRATITUDE FOR THE FACILITIES AND THE SUPPORT PROVIDED WITH A VIEW TO THE EFFECTIVE CARRYING OUT OF OUR WORK.

MR. CHAIRMAN, THE CONCERN OF THE GOVERNMENT OF THE SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF ROMANIA WITH SUCH A COMPLEX PROBLEM AS DISARMAMENT, THE NUMEROUS PROPOSALS OF ROMANIA AIMED AT THE ADOPTION OF CONCRETE MEASURES WHICH SHOULD LEAD TO THE CESSATION OF THE ARMS RACE, TO GENERAL DISARMAMENT AND, PRIMARILY TO NUCLEAR DISARMAMENT ARE WELL KNOWN. ALSO KNOWN ON THE EUROPEAN PLANE ARE THE POSITION AND THE PROPOSALS OF THE ROMANIAN GOVERNMENT ON THE QUESTIONS OF MILITARY DISENGAGEMENT AND DISARMAMENT IN EUROPE. ROMANIA CONSIDERS THAT THE EXCLUSION OF FORCE AND OF THE THREAT OF FORCE IN THE RELATIONS BETWEEN EUROPEAN STATES, THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A CLIMATE OF TRUE COOPERATION, DETENTE AND PEACE BETWEEN ALL PEOPLES OF THE CONTINENT ARE DIRECTLY CONNECTED WITH THE IMPLEMENTATION OF EFFECTIVE MEASURES OF MILITARY DISENGAGEMENT AND DISARMAMENT BOTH ON THE CONTINENT AS A WHOLE AND IN ITS VARIOUS REGIONS. THAT IS THE REASON WHY ROMANIA CONSIDERS THAT THE IMPLEMENTATION OF SUCH MEASURES IS AN INTEGRAL PART OF EUROPEAN SECURITY. THE BUILDING OF A DURABLE SYSTEM OF SECURITY AND COOPERATION IN EUROPE REQUIRES CONCRETE ACTIONS IN THE FIELD OF MILITARY DISENGAGEMENT AND DISARMAMENT, THE WORKING OUT OF A COMPLEX AND COMPREHENSIVE PROGRAM OF MEASURES WHICH SHOULD BE IMPLEMENTED AS A PROCESS, IN STAGES. THE RESOLUTION OF THESE QUESTIONS SHOULD BE THE RESULT OF THE PARTICIPATION, CONTRIBUTION AND EFFORTS OF ALL THE STATES OF THE CONTINENT AND SHOULD SERVE THE INTERESTS OF ALL.

ON THE BASIS OF THIS OVERALL CONCEPTION, THE ROMANIAN GOVERNMENT VIEWS THE NEGOTIATIONS ON MUTUAL REDUCTION OF FORCES AND ARMAMENTS AND ASSOCIATED MEASURES IN CENTRAL EUROPE AS ONLY ONE STEP, IN A SERIES OF MEASURES DESIGNED TO LEAD TO THE ACHIEVEMENT OF THE FINAL AIM - A EUROPE OF PEACEFUL RELATIONS, OF COOPERATION BETWEEN SOVEREIGN AND INDEPENDENT STATES SAFE FROM ANY DANGER OF THE USE OF FORCE OR OF THE THREAT OF FORCE.

THE PRESENT NEGOTIATIONS HAVE A LIMITED OBJECTIVE, CIRCUMSCRIBED WITHIN A SPECIFIC ZONE OF THE CONTINENT; THIS OBJECTIVE IS UNCLASSIFIED

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ONLY A PART, AN IMPORTANT PART OF COURSE, BUT NEVERTHELESS ONLY A PART OF THE EUROPEAN MILITARY PROBLEMS, WHICH HAVE TO BE DISCUSSED AS A WHOLE, FINDING THE FORMS APPROPRIATE TO THIS AIM. THE NEGOTIATIONS CONCERNING CENTRAL EUROPE COULD HAVE A POSITIVE INFLUENCE IF THEY ARE CONCLUDED WITH CONCRETE RESULTS REGARDING THE REDUCTION OF TENSION AND OF THE MILITARY DANGER IN THIS AREA. AT THE SAME TIME, WE CONSIDER THAT NEGOTIATIONS WITHIN A LIMITED FORUM SUCH AS THESE IN VIENNA SHOULD NOT PRECLUDE THE INITIATION

OF NEGOTIATIONS CONCERNING MILITARY ASPECTS IN THE WHOLE OF EUROPE OR IN OTHER ZONES OF EUROPE. BY THE CONCRETE RESULTS THAT WILL BE ACHIEVED, THE NEGOTIATIONS IN VIENNA SHOULD STIMULATE AND ACCELERATE THE IMPLEMENTATION OF MEASURES OF MILITARY DISENGAGEMENT AND DISARMAMENT ON THE SCALE OF THE ENTIRE CONTINENT.

AS CONCERNS THE CONTENTS OF THE NEGOTIATIONS, THE DELEGATION OF THE SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF ROMANIA DOES NOT INTEND TO TACKLE MATTERS OF SUBSTANCE AT THIS FIRST PLENARY MEETING. WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF THE PREPARATORY CONSULTATIONS WE PRESENTED SOME PRELIMINARY CONSIDERATIONS AND, ON THE OCCASION OF FUTURE DEBATES AT THE NEGOTIATIONS AND IN THE COURSE OF OUR TALKS, WE SHALL SEEK TO PRESENT NEW IDEAS AND PROPOSALS, TO MAKE OUR CONSTRUCTIVE CONTRIBUTION TO THE SUCCESSFUL OUTCOME OF THE NEGOTIATIONS. WE CONSIDER, HOWEVER, THAT FROM THE BEGINNING WE SHOULD HAVE IN MIND THE ACHIEVEMENT OF A SERIES OF CONCRETE MEASURES, AS, FOR EXAMPLE, THOSE REGARDING THE REDUCTION AND FINALLY, THE WITHDRAWAL WITHIN THEIR NATIONAL BORDERS OF ALL FOREIGN TROOPS STATIONED ON THE TERRITORY OF OTHER STATES, AS WELL AS OTHER MEASURES LEADING TO MILITARY DISENGAGEMENT AND DISARMAMENT IN THIS ZONE OF EUROPE, TO THE CONSOLIDATION OF PEACE AND SECURITY IN THE WHOLE OF EUROPE AND ALL OVER THE WORLD.

IN CONNECTION WITH THIS WE SHOULD LIKE TO RECALL THE IDEA, PROMOTED BY THE ROMANIAN DELEGATION IN THE COURSE OF THE PREPARATORY CONSULTATION, AND WHICH WE SHALL ALSO SUPPORT IN THE NEGOTIATIONS WHICH WE ARE STARTING TODAY, THAT THE ARRANGEMENTS AND AGREEMENTS TO BE REACHED REGARDING CENTRAL EUROPE SHOULD NOT DIMINISH IN ANY WAY THE SECURITY OF ANY OF THE 19 COUNTRIES PARTICIPATING IN THE BEGINNING OF THESE NEGOTIATIONS AND, ALSO, SHOULD NOT AFFECT IN ANY WAY THE INTERESTS AND SECURITY OF OTHER EUROPEAN COUNTRIES.

PROCEEDING FROM THE FACT THAT ANY MEASURE OF MILITARY DISENGAGEMENT AND DISARMAMENT, IN EUROPE AS A WHOLE OR ONLY IN A CERTAIN ZONE OF IT, INCLUDING THE REDUCTION OF FORCES AND ARMAMENTS AND ASSOCIATED MEASURES IN CENTRAL EUROPE, IS OF INTEREST TO ALL

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EUROPEAN COUNTRIES, AS IT HAS, TO SOME DEGREE OR ANOTHER, IMPLICATIONS FOR THE SECURITY OF ALL COUNTRIES, THE ROMANIAN DELEGATION REAFFIRMS THE NEED TO INVITE OTHER EUROPEAN STATES TO PARTICIPATE IN OUR NEGOTIATIONS, WITHIN AN APPROPRIATE FRAMEWORK, IN ORDER TO PRESENT THEIR VIEWS AND DEFEND THEIR LEGITIMATE INTERESTS.

MR. CHAIRMAN, THE GOVERNMENT OF THE SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF ROMANIA EXPRESSED ITS DESIRE TO TAKE PART IN THESE NEGOTIATIONS BUT THE ROMANIAN DELEGATION WILL NOT PARTICIPATE IN DECISIONS OF SUBSTANCE, WILL NOT SIGN THE DOCUMENTS AND AGREEMENTS WHICH WILL BE REACHED, CONSIDERING THAT TO BE WITHIN THE COMPETENCE OF THE STATES DIRECTLY CONCERNED. WE INTEND HOWEVER, TO MAKE AN EFFECTIVE CONTRIBUTION TO THE CONDUCT OF THE NEGOTIATIONS, IN A CONSTRUCTIVE SPIRIT AND IN COOPERATION WITH ALL THE OTHER DELEGATIONS, ON THE BASIS OF FULL EQUALITY. WE UNDERSTAND THAT THESE NEGOTIATIONS ARE NOT A BLOC-TO-BLOC DIALOGUE BUT A COOPERATION BE-

TWEEN DELEGATIONS REPRESENTING, IN THE BEGINNING, 19 SOVEREIGN AND INDEPENDENT STATES, WHOSE VIEWPOINTS THEY WILL EXPRESS ON THEIR OWN BEHALF. WE INTEND TO PARTICIPATE ACTIVELY IN ALL FORMS OF WORK WHICH WILL BE ORGANIZED, ALONG WITH ALL THE OTHER DELEGATIONS, ALL OF US THUS GIVING A TRULY DEMOCRATIC CHARACTER TO OUR NEGOTIATIONS SO THAT THE UNDERSTANDINGS ON WHICH AGREEMENT WILL BE REACHED SHOULD BE THE RESULT OF THE COMMON EFFORTS AND ENDEAVOURS OF ALL PARTICIPATING DELEGATIONS. THE RIGHT TO PARTICIPATE IN ANY OF THE CONFERENCE ACTIVITIES, TO PRESENT ITS VIEWPOINT AND TO CIRCULATE DOCUMENTS, AS INDEED STIPULATED BY THE PROCEDURAL DOCUMENT OF 14TH MAY, SHOULD BE GUARANTEED TO EACH DELEGATION IN FACT. IN CONNECTION WITH THIS, WE CONSIDER THAT IT IS ABSOLUTELY NECESSARY THAT THE WORKING BODIES THAT MIGHT BE ESTABLISHED SHOULD BE OPEN TO ALL DELEGATIONS, EACH OF THEM DECIDING IN WHICH BODY IT WILL PARTICIPATE, DEPENDING ON THE SPECIFIC INTERESTS OF THE RESPECTIVE COUNTRY. WE WISH TO EMPHASIZE WITH ALL CLARITY THAT THE ROMANIAN DELEGATION INTENDS TO EXERCISE ITS RIGHT TO PARTICIPATE IN ANY CONFERENCE ACTIVITIES (SUCH AS WORKING GROUPS OR WORKING BODIES) WHICH WILL BE OF IMPORTANCE FROM THE POINT OF VIEW OF THE INTERESTS OF OUR COUNTRY IN THESE NEGOTIATIONS. THE PARTICIPATION IN THE WORKING GROUPS, COMBINED WITH THE OTHER FORMS OF WORK, INCLUDING THE ORGANIZATION OF PLENARY MEETINGS WEEKLY OR AT THE REQUEST OF ANY PARTICIPATING DELEGATION CONSTITUTES, IN OUR CONFIGURATION, AN ESSENTIAL ELEMENT OF THE NORMAL WORK OF THE NEGOTIATIONS.

THESE ARE, MR. CHAIRMAN AND DISTINGUISHED COLLEAGUES, SOME OF THE MAIN CONSIDERATIONS OF OUR COUNTRY IN CONNECTION WITH THE NEGOTIATIONS.

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NEGOTIATIONS WHICH WE ARE STARTING TODAY. WE SHOULD LIKE, IN CLOSING TO ASSURE YOU AGAIN OF OUR KEEN DESIRE TO COOPERATE, SO THAT IN VIENNA WE MAY ACHIEVE RESULTS ACCORDING TO THE ASPIRATIONS AND EXPECTATIONS OF OUR PEOPLES, OF ALL THE PEOPLES OF THE CONTINENT AND OF THE WHOLE WORLD. END TEXT.HUMES

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